

### **IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

    sending a first immediate message from a mobile device at a location, wherein the first immediate message comprises a request for information; and

    receiving a second immediate message in the mobile device, wherein the second immediate message comprises a response to the request, wherein the response is dependent on the location.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the sending the first immediate message further comprises sending the first immediate message to a user name identified in a buddy list.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the user name identifies a program executing on an instant-messaging server.

4. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

    receiving a first instant message from a mobile device sender;

    determining a location of the mobile device sender; and

    sending a second instant message to the mobile device sender, wherein contents of the second instant message are dependent on the location of the mobile device sender.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising:

    parsing contents of the first instant message to determine a meaning of the contents, wherein the contents of the second instant message are further dependent on the meaning.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising:

    finding information related to the meaning of the contents of the first instant message;  
and

building the contents of the second instant message based on the information.

7. (Original) A server, comprising:

data indicating a location of a mobile device; and

a personal-assistance controller to send information to the mobile device, wherein the information is based on the location of the mobile device.

8. (Original) The server of claim 7, wherein the mobile device is connected via a long-lived connection to the instant-messaging server.

9. (Original) The server of claim 7, wherein the personal-assistance controller is to send an instant message to the mobile device, wherein the instant message comprises the information.

10. (Original) The server of claim 7, further comprising:

a location database comprising the location of the mobile device and the information, wherein the information is specific to the location.

11. (Original) The server of claim 7, wherein the personal-assistance controller is further to: parse a request from the mobile device to determine a meaning of the request, and determine the information based on the location of the mobile device and the meaning of the request.

12. (Previously Presented) A mobile device, comprising:

a controller to contact a hotspot-access point, send a request for information to a server via the hotspot-access point, and receive a response to the request, wherein the response comprises information dependent on a location of the hotspot-access point.

13. (Original) The mobile device of claim 12, wherein the request and the response are both instant messages.

14. (Original) The mobile device of claim 12, wherein the request is sent and the response is received over a long-lived connection.

15. (Original) The mobile device of claim 12, wherein the controller further is to send the request to a user name identified in a buddy list.

16. (Original) The mobile device of claim 15, wherein the user name identifies a program executing on an instant-messaging server.

17. (Original) An apparatus, comprising:

an instant-messaging server comprising

a personal-assistance controller,

presence data comprising reachability and location information regarding a plurality of mobile devices, and

information regarding services relative to a plurality of hotspot-access points;

and

wherein one of the plurality of mobile devices comprises:

a controller to connect to one of the plurality of hotspot-access points, send a request to the personal-assistance controller, and receive a response to the request, wherein the response comprises information dependent on a location of the one of the plurality of hotspot-access points.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the personal-assistance controller is to determine the location of the one of the plurality of hotspot-access points via the presence data.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the request and response are both instant messages.

20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the instant-messaging server further comprises a buddy list for a user of the mobile device.

21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the personal-assistance controller has an associated entry in the buddy list.

22. (Currently Amended) A ~~signal-bearing~~ storage media comprising instructions, wherein the instructions when read and executed by a processor comprise:

- receiving a first instant message;
- determining a location of a sender of the first instant message; and
- sending a second instant message to the sender, wherein contents of the second instant message are dependent on the location of the sender.

23. (Currently Amended) The ~~signal-bearing~~ storage media of claim 22, wherein the instructions further comprise:

- parsing contents of the first instant message to determine a meaning of the contents, wherein the contents of the second instant message are further dependent on the meaning.

24. (Currently Amended) The ~~signal-bearing~~ storage media of claim 23, wherein the instructions further comprise:

- finding information related to the meaning of the contents of the first instant message;
- and
- building the contents of the second instant message based on the information.

25. (Currently Amended) The ~~signal-bearing~~ storage media of claim 22, wherein the location of the sender comprises a location of a hotspot access point.